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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

Called to Meet in Louisville May 6.

County Mass Conventions April 25--Harmonious Meeting Throughout.

The Republican State Central meeting at Louisville Tuesday called a State Convention to meet in Louisville Wednesday May 6 at one o'clock P. M. to elect four delegates from the State at large to the Chicago Convention at which a Republican candidate for President will be nominated. No attempt was made to pass resolutions endorsing Taft or Fairbanks for President, and the meeting was harmonious throughout. Louisville and Lexington were placed in nomination for the Convention, the former city being winner.

Following is the call and member of delegates each county is entitled to send to State and district conventions.

In accordance with established custom and in obedience to the rules governing the Republican organization of Kentucky and the official call of the Republican National Committee, the Republican State Central Committee of Kentucky now directs that a State convention of delegated representatives of the Republican party of Kentucky be held in the city of Louisville Ky., at 1 o'clock p. m., standard time, on Wednesday, the sixth day of May, 1908 for the purpose of electing four delegates from the State of Kentucky-at-large, and four alternate delegates-at-large to the National Convention of the Republican party, to be held in Chicago Ill., on Tuesday, June 16, 1908, and for the purpose of nominating two electors from said State-at-large, to be voted for at the election to be held November 3, 1908.

The delegates to said State convention shall be elected by county mass-conventions to be held in the county seat in each county at 1 o'clock, standard time on Saturday April 25 1908, except in the counties of Boyd, Campbell and Kenton in which counties conventions shall be held at the cities of Ashland, Newport and Covington, respectively, and provided that in Jefferson county said mass-convention shall be held in each of the wards of the city of Louisville and for the county outside the limits of said city, which latter meeting may be held in said city. One delegate shall be elected for each 100 votes or fraction thereof, amounting to fifty or over, cast for the Republican electors in such county at the presidential election in 1904. The form of voting at said county or ward mass-conventions, shall be by ballot in each county in which the county committee provides for the election of county committeemen by ballot at county or ward mass-conventions, and said elections of delegates in counties which elect county committeemen by county or ward mass-conventions shall be held by the same officers who conduct the election of county committeemen. In counties which do not elect county committeemen by ballot the form of voting for such delegates shall be viva voce.

The Republican Congressional District Committee of each congressional district will, as directed by the call of the Republican National Committee meet and direct the holding of a congressional district convention in such district for the purpose of electing two district delegates and two alternates to said National Convention and said committee is hereby directed to provide in its call for the election of one member of the State Central Committee and for the nomination of one elector, to be voted for at said national election.

And it is hereby recommended that the delegates to said district convention be elected at the same time and in the same manner as the delegates to said State convention.

Said State Central Committee further directs that except as hereinafter provided in each and every county the new members of the Republican county committee shall be elected by precinct meetings which precinct meetings shall be held at 1 o'clock p. m. standard time on Saturday May 2 1908 in the manner prescribed in Rule 2 of the Rules of the Republican organization of Kentucky except, however that in each county, in which said county committee determines that such mem-

bers of such County Committee shall be elected by county or ward mass-conventions such mass-conventions shall be held in such county at the same time and place at which delegates are elected to said State convention, to wit on Saturday, April 25, at 1 o'clock p. m. standard time.

Enjoyable Occasion.

One of the prettiest entertainments of the season was given Friday afternoon by Mrs. Wagen and Miss Sue Yelzer, at the home of the latter. The sentiment of the day was beautifully carried out in the decorations, tallies and favors.

Several games of flinch were played and the winners for each game, added a tiny heart to the pretty decorated tallies. Each guest was presented with a heart-shaped booklet and requested to draw hearts, cupid, bows and arrows, the efforts to comply with which caused much merriment.

In the delightful luncheon served the heart idea was daintily carried out.

SAUNDERS SUIT COMES TO AN ABRUPT CLOSE.

Personal Verification Ordered, Which Saunders Failed Satisfactorily to Do.

The suit of B. F. Saunders erstwhile Democratic Campaign speaker to recover money bet on the election, particulars of which appeared in these columns several weeks ago has been disposed of by special judge C. M. Barnett.

The suit was filed soon after the election, and while the amount claimed was but \$50 the extreme novelty of the case resulted in its attracting considerable attention. The case was called for trial the second day of the regular January term of Quarterly Court. Judge Taylor declined to try it and Col. C. M. Barnett was agreed upon by attorneys representing the parties.

The matter was called for hearing by Judge Barnett a few days later, at which time the defendant filed his affidavit and asked the court to compel saunders to personally verify his petition.

The second paragraph of the affidavit contains the following startling allegation. For further cause for a personal verification of the petition defendant avers that he is informed and charges true that the plaintiff B. F. Saunders has no interest directly or indirectly, in the subject matter of this litigation but that another who is unknown to this record is the real party in interest and that Saunders is merely the agent of said party.

This was a revelation to every one and a great deal of speculation has been engaged in as to who the "unknown" party referred to is.

On the affidavit the court awarded a rule against Saunders to verify the petition in person, and set the case forward to Monday February 17, when the case was called Monday the petition appeared to have been sworn to by Saunders before J. W. Thompson justice of the peace of Green county Arkansas.

There was no attestation of an official under seal that Mr. Thompson was authorized to administer the oath and a demurrer was sustained to the verification. Mr. Mosley who represents Mr. Saunders refused to plead further and the petition was dismissed an appeal will probably be taken to Circuit court.

Better Pay Assured for Enlisted Men of the Army.

Washington, D. C. Feb. 17.—Chairman Hull, of the Committee on Military Affairs to-day reported to the House the army appropriation bill carrying a provision for a 27 per cent. increase in the pay of enlisted men and non-commissioned officers. Referring to the omission of commissioned officers in the proposed increase, Mr. Hull said:

"This does not mean that the committee thinks the pay of officers is adequate. To the contrary the committee was agreed that it should be increased, though by what percentage was not determined; but the committee fearing a point of order felt that it would be unwise to include such a provision in the appropriation bill. The Senate may do so. Probably an increase for officers will be incorporated in the bill in the form of an amendment on the floor.

TOBACCO MEETING THAT NEVER MET

Owensboro Men Deny Participating in Conference

S. B. Lee Goes to Frankfort, Gives Interview as to How to Settle Tobacco Troubles.

The important meeting of Green river "tobacco interests," alleged to have held at the Old Inn in Louisville Monday and of which lengthy reports were printed in Louisville papers, appears to have been a sort of Marjorie Day affair. The participants in the meeting are said to have been John Englehard, of the American Tobacco company; A. J. Massie, buyer for the same company; George M. Taylor, secretary of the Green River Equity Warehouse company; S. T. Burns, a director of the same company, and S. B. Lee, secretary and treasurer of the National Tobacco Growers' association. Mr. Taylor says that at the time the meeting is said to have been held, he was in Owensboro attending to his duties at the warehouse. Mr. Englehard says that he and Mr. Massie were in Louisville, but that they attended no meeting and did not see any of the other persons said to have participated.

J. W. Dunn, who has been closely connected with Mr. Lee in the affairs of the association stated Tuesday night that he does not believe that Mr. Lee participated in a conference in Louisville. Mr. Lee was in Louisville, but was on his way to Frankfort, where he now is. While in Louisville Mr. Lee gave the following interview to the Louisville Post.

"As secretary and treasurer of the National Tobacco Growers' association I have given considerable study to the lawlessness and dealings of the association, the American Tobacco company and other concerns that buy tobacco. I have been in several localities where lawless acts have been committed and I find that after having talked with a number of good citizens in those localities it is believed that where the association could dispose of their tobacco at the prices that are ruling the day it has proven entirely satisfactory to tobacco growers and is the shortest way out of the difficulty.

"The Green River district includes the several counties in the vicinity of Owensboro, and I want to say that in the Green River district no lawless acts are anticipated. There was at one time anticipated danger of lawlessness and in my opinion the trouble was averted by the Tobacco Growers' association and growers not belonging to the association deciding that it was better to approach the American Tobacco company and other concerns and determine whether or not deals could be made satisfactory to all. The trouble has been due to the fact that the farmer has believed that he could not do business in a satisfactory way with the American Tobacco company. The whole trouble lies in the fact that the farmer has placed his tobacco with the association, and in many instances the committees have made no effort to sell.

"I believe that the tobacco question could be solved if the farmers with the pooled crops would sell their tobacco. There is no way that has proved more satisfactory than this method, both to the buyer and the seller.

"The Green River Tobacco association needs no radical laws or soldiers to protect the counties' interests."

Old Whitesville Citizen Passed Away.

John L. Mattingly died on Sunday morning at his home at Whitesville of general debility. He was 87 years of age one of the pioneers of the county. He was born at Hardingsburg, in 1821 and removed to Owensboro with his father in 1833, or when he was twelve years of age. His father built one of the earliest brick houses erected in Owensboro and was for many years one of the merchants of the town. The son learned the trade of a shoemaker and started a shop at Whitesville, where he has resided for many years and where he reared a

large family. Of the children, a son Benjamin Mattingly, and five daughters survive. The latter are Mrs. T. C. Floyd, Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. Jas. Martin, and two who are sisters of Loretto, one being stationed in Arizona and one at Colorado Springs. The funeral took place Monday from St. Mary's Catholic church of which he was a devoted member. The services were conducted by Rev. Hugh O'Sullivan.

Big Debate at Nocreek Church.

Next Saturday, February 22, there will be a debate at the No Creek church beginning at 9 o'clock a. m. Subject: "Resolved that the night riders are justifiable in their actions owing to the circumstances." The speakers on the affirmative side are: Otis Carson, W. R. Carson, John W. Sandrifer and W. F. Stevens. Negative John P. Foster, Dillis Ward, J. C. Park and J. K. Tinsley. After dinner speaking by National President, C. M. Barnett, ex-State President David Moreland, Rev. G. W. Dame and others. Everybody invited.

ANOTHER SUICIDE IN MUHLENBERG COUNTY.

Jesse Welborn Shoots Himself Because His Daughter is Engaged.

Central City, Ky., Feb. 18.—Jesse Farmer of Dunmore, Muhlenberg county, committed suicide at an early hour this morning at his home at Dunmore. After arising he talked to his daughter Mable, concerning her marriage saying that it would be more than he could bear were she to marry. She told him that she would not marry, and would remain with him. This seemed to raise his spirits as he was very much attached to his daughter, who was also his housekeeper since the death of her mother.

Leaving her in the kitchen preparing his breakfast, he went to the barn to feed his stock. Shortly after his departure the daughter heard the report of a gun, but paid no attention to it, supposing that her father was shooting a bird. When breakfast was ready she called her father, and failing to receive a reply went to look for him and found him in the yard still holding the gun with which he had shot off the top of his head. The daughter is prostrated.

He was fifty years old, a progressive, honorable, upright citizen, and his tragic death is a shock to the entire community. He leaves one other child, Mrs. R. J. Thompson, of Lewisburg.

FARMERS MEET AT FRANKFORT

Institute Opens With Good Attendance, Gov. Willson Delivers Address of Welcome.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 19.—Farmers of Kentucky the men who are the bottom and basis of the prosperity of the state, gathered in convention here yesterday for a three day institute during which they will discuss ways and means to improve the condition of the farmers. The keynote of the meeting which was sounded by the president in his opening address, is union. The farmers were urged to unite, so they could control prices and force living prices for their products. The attendance at the meeting is fairly good and the men here are representative of the best and highest type of the farmers of today, who studies how he may increase the size of his crops.

Governor Willson delivered the address of welcome and among other things impressed on the farmers that he stands for law and order and will enforce the law regardless of consequences, without fear or favor. He urged that the farmers of the state accept the fact that they owe certain rights to their neighbors, and must have regard for the other man's point of view. The governor complimented the farmers highly as being patriotic intelligent men, and said he had never felt about them that they were men who had to have guides when they came to town. In his speech Governor Willson laid especial emphasis on the necessity for the farmers obeying the law and upholding it.

NO LEGISLATION AT THIS SESSION.

People See Little Hope of Getting Anything Needed

Beckham Holding up Everything With the Hope of Being Elected.

With less than twenty-five legislative days remaining of the presene session of the General Assembly, folks who are interested in the passage of important legislation are becoming uneasy and wondering if the solons are going to throw up the sponge, says a special Frankfort dispatch.

All indications point to an effort on the part of certain interests to not only block legislation affecting them, but to sidetrack all measures which proposes any changes in the present statutes. It appears to be merely a question of adjournment as early and as often as possible.

It is generally conceded that little business will be transacted by the House during the few remaining days of the session and so long as Beckham wields his local option club the sessions are apt to be brief and uninteresting.

With the able assistance of "Parson" Adams, former President of the Kentucky Anti-Saloon League the former Democratic Governor and nominee for Senator is playing the political game of his life. All of the insincerity which has been charged against him in local option matters has been established, and it now remains only a question of how long the local option members of the Legislature are going to stand for his methods.

According to one of them who freely expressed himself the political trickery of Beckham has exceeded the limit of patience of the long suffering ones who have not obliged for the sake of party regularity to daily cast their votes for him in an effort to elect him Senator.

To his notion he explained, the soon er the Democrats of the Legislature settled on another Democrat for Senator the sooner the Democrats of the State would become united and the party regenerated.

"I have been one of the last to believe in Beckham's insincerity," he said, "but after he showed his hand so plainly, I am obliged to confess that I was wrong. He doesn't want the local option bill to pass the House and will sacrifice anything to become Senator."

It is believed now that with Speaker Gooch as his ally, Beckham will use every means to prevent action on the county unit bill by the House still cherishing the forlorn hope that his plan will succeed in whipping the recalcitrant Democrats into line. He will also attempt to prevent the Senat Committee from reporting on the same bill, acting under the same belief.

The Speaker is alert and keen, and those who witnessed his rulings know that he will lose no opportunity to continue to rule in favor of the Beckham interests.

JEAN AUDLEY RETURNS TO KENTUCKY

With Poney and Seven Dogs Returns From Indiana to Sojourn in Daviess.

Poetic Jean Audley is again back in Daviess county, with her poney and seven dogs. She was recently driven out of Spencer county, Ind., at Rockport and has since been on of near the farm of a Mr. Pool at Maceo. Mr. Poole has been hospitable towards her and she has visited his home and delighted the family with her artistic piano-playing. She has been invited to remain in the house at night but declined even during the most inclement weather, preferring an out-of-doors bed. Mr. Poole has not complained of what he gives to Jean to eat, but he says feeding her dogs and poney is a tax on any household. He has visited Judge Owen to see what could be done in the way of getting rid of the imposition, but he does not believe the woman is insane. He thinks she is too brilliant and cultivated to be insane.

Judge Owen will probably be prepared to deal with the case as he was last fall, when it comes before him. She went to Indiana from Owensboro. —Owensboro Messenger.

HERBERT.

Feb. 14.—The farmers are about through stripping tobacco.

Miss Hattie Miller is visiting her sister Mrs. Oscar Nichols at Maceo.

Miss Sallie E. Ford has a valentine party Saturday night.

Mr. Benard Hickey of Central City was in this place Sunday afternoon.

Miss Pearl Bruner spent Saturday night with Miss Bee Miller.

Misses Myrtle Burdett and Dora Helm visited Miss Mattie Barnett Sunday.

Mr. Will Crow is sick.

Mr. Oscar Haynes is still sick.

Mr. Hoover and sons of Clear Run are enlarging pictures here.

Mr. Carl Floyd wife and son, are visiting the family of Mr. Bud Barker, near Lyonla, to-day.

TRUSTS CONTINUE TO DISCRIMINATE

The Weed is a Luxury and Growers Should be Paid Well For It.

On last Saturday night, February 15th, 1908, the Rev. B. F. Jenkins, of Owensboro, Ky., delivered a very forcible and impressive speech on equity, at West Point church. Bro. Jenkins in a very forcible yet plain manner, plead for the continuation of the organization. Giving as his reason that the organization should exist, he said there was no question but what the price of tobacco had been advanced, and that when the tobacco farmer prospered everybody else prospered; using as an illustration the high price of mules; saying that when mules got so high, everybody had made money, even to the old woman and children. He dwelt at considerable length on tobacco as a luxury, claiming that we have a perfect right to steadily advance the price. In regard to wheat, corn and other necessities he said was different, and rather urged moderation along that line. He then spoke of laws that would soon be enacted for the benefit of the tobacco growers and gave it as his opinion that when the bone of contention was removed, night riding would cease in Kentucky. But he said the trust would make a wonderful and desperate effort to break down the organization this year, saying that they were now paying more for tobacco off the wagon at the auction house than they did for the association tobacco.

He next gave a thorough explanation of how the money kings manipulate the money market, and thereby corner, or manipulate any other market they saw fit to exploit in taking in consideration of course the ones that offered the greatest return for the amount invested.

Told how Russell Sage once caused a panic among the New York banks, by borrowing from one, gold depositing paper as security, and from the next paper, and depositing gold as security. Sage borrowed the money on 15 days time, and as soon as he had borrowed enough to cause a panic, placed his stock on the market, bought it in for nothing, with the balance of the stock, and as soon as he had bought what stock he wanted he cut the money loose at the banks, and Sage had the thing going his way. Spoke about going to the State convention a half Everitt man, was not there long, however, until his mind had undergone some change, and a little later, a little more change and when Mr. Everitt fully convinced him that he was a one man power man, he became thoroughly convinced that Mr. Everitt would not do, and is now, a full pledged Barnett man, and is for the American Society of Equity.

Bro. Jenkins is a man of intrinsic Christian worth, a man of nobility of character and of unswerving fidelity. He commanded the best of attention during his Equity address and made a strong appeal to the boys to pay up their dues and stay with the regular organization. To somewhat show our appreciation of the good service he rendered us, we donated him a nice lot of genuine old fashioned home spun tobacco. Long may he live to do good religiously and otherwise. WATT TAYLOR. Matanzas, Ky., Feb. 18, 1908.